Lighting system in Trains

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Research and Standardisation Organisation (RDSO) located at Lucknow had recommended installation of three diesel generating sets including a standby to improve lighting system in trains and also to effect economy in the expenditure; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of RDSO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. R.D.S.O. had initially recommended use of 3 Diesel Generating sets in each Power Car. This has since been reviewed and only 2 diesel generating sets including standby requirements are now recommended. The Mid-on-Generation system using Diesel Generating sets is recommended not as a measure of economy but on considerations of operating conditions in different regions and services in certain trains.

Guwahati-Dibrugarh Line

2025. SHRI PRITHIBHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct broad gauge line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh and whether rupees one crore have been sanctioned for preliminary works; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A preliminary Engineer-in-cum-Traffic Survey for extension of B.G. line from Gauhati to Dibrugarh connecting important towns of Assam is being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakhs, as a Deposit work of the North Eastern Council. The outlay provided in 1985-86 for this survey is Rs. 4.67 lakhs. Another survey for conversion of the existing M.G. section from Gauhati to Dibrugarh *via* Tinsukia into B.G. is also being carried out simultaneously. A decision about extension of the Broad Gauge line beyond Gauhati will be taken after both the Survey Reports have been received and scrutinized. in consultation with the Planning Commission, subject to availability of resources.

Selection of candidates by N. F. Railway Service Commission

2026. SHRI PRITHIBHI MAJHI: SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 790 candidates were selected by the N.F. Railway Service Commission against Employment Notice issued on the 1st July, 1983;

(b) whether all the candidates have been offered appointments in terms of the Railway Board letter No. (E) (NG) II-84/RSC/11 dated the 23rd February, 1984;

(c) whether the High Court of Guwahati directed the N.F. Railway administration to offer appointments to all the candidates;

(d) whether the direction has been carried out; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Against Employment Notice 1/182-83 published on 20/782. panels containing a total of 790 candidates were notified on 9-9-83 by the Railway Service Commission, Gauhati.